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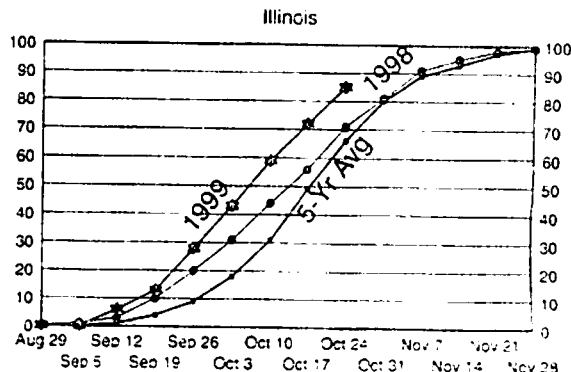
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Excellent weather last week allowed farmers to nearly finish soybean harvest. As of October 24, 92 percent of the crop had been harvested, ahead of last year's 83 percent and the five-year average of 86 percent. Ideal harvest conditions allowed farmers to shell corn at a rapid pace. As of October 24, 85 percent of the corn crop had been harvested, compared to 71 percent last year and a five-year average of 66 percent. This is the highest harvested percentage at this time of year since 1991, when 97 percent of the crop was harvested. Winter wheat was 88 percent seeded as of October 24, with 51 percent of the crop reported emerged. Wheat condition was rated eight percent excellent, 57 percent good, 34 percent fair and one percent poor. Other activities for last week included applying fertilizer and anhydrous ammonia, hauling grain and caring for livestock.

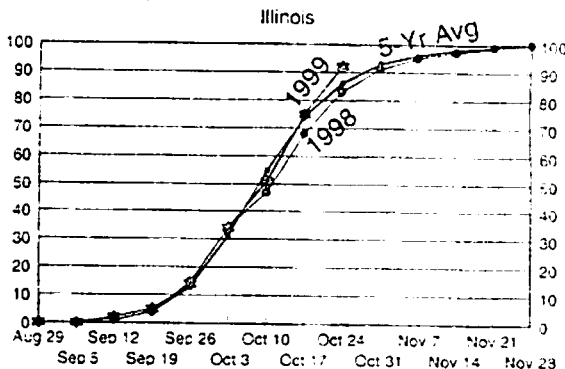
Crop Progress

| Crop Stage | : 1999 | : 1998 | : 5-Year Average |
|----------------------|--------|--------|------------------|
| October 24 | | | |
| CORN: | | | |
| Harvested | 85 | 71 | 66 |
| SOYBEANS: | | | |
| Harvested | 92 | 83 | 86 |
| SORGHUM: | | | |
| Harvested | 71 | 53 | 54 |
| WINTER WHEAT: | | | |
| Seeded | 88 | 80 | 82 |
| Emerged | 51 | 47 | 51 |

Corn - Percent Harvested



Soybeans - Percent Harvested

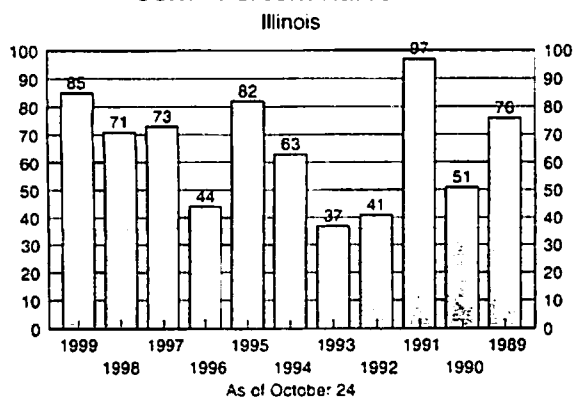


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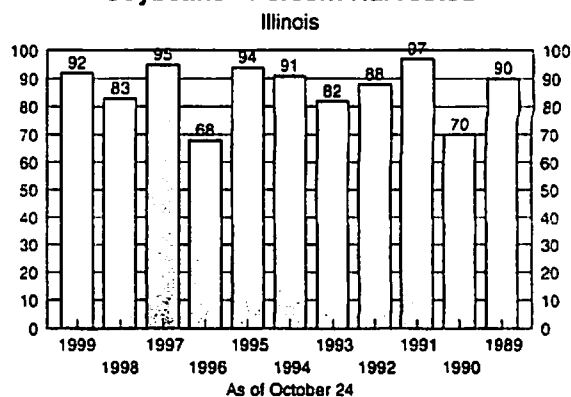
| Crop | : Very Poor | : Poor | : Fair | : Good | : Excellent |
|--------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|
| October 22 | | | | | |
| Winter Wheat | - | 1 | 34 | 57 | 8 |
| Pasture | 12 | 26 | 42 | 18 | 2 |

These and additional charts are available on our World Wide Web site.

Corn - Percent Harvested



Soybeans - Percent Harvested



Crop Progress by District

| District | : Corn Harvested | : Soybeans Harvested |
|-------------|------------------|----------------------|
| October 24 | | |
| Northwest | 75 | 88 |
| Northeast | 70 | 95 |
| West | 84 | 86 |
| Central | 90 | 89 |
| East | 94 | 98 |
| W Southwest | 89 | 94 |
| E Southeast | 88 | 91 |
| Southwest | 97 | 90 |
| Southeast | 96 | 93 |

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

| District | : Days Suitable for Fieldwork | : Topsoil Moisture |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| October 16 - 22 | | October 22 |
| Northwest | 6.5 | 24 |
| Northeast | 6.5 | 23 |
| West | 6.9 | 36 |
| Central | 6.6 | 38 |
| East | 6.7 | 16 |
| W Southwest | 6.8 | 51 |
| E Southeast | 6.4 | 47 |
| Southwest | 6.3 | 57 |
| Southeast | 6.1 | 28 |
| State | 6.6 | 34 |

Weather Summary

| Location | Maximum | Temperature Minimum | Departure | Precipitation |
|-----------------|---------|------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| October 18 - 24 | | | | |
| Northwest: | | | | |
| Freeport | 68 | 23 | -6 | 0.00 |
| Kewanee | 71 | 24 | -8 | 0.00 |
| Moline | 73 | 24 | -7 | 0.00 |
| Mount Carroll | 71 | 25 | -5 | 0.00 |
| Paw Paw | 67 | 21 | -7 | 0.00 |
| Rochelle | 68 | 22 | -9 | 0.00 |
| Rockford | 67 | 23 | -6 | 0.00 |
| Northeast: | | | | |
| Aurora | 68 | 21 | -8 | 0.00 |
| Chicago | 68 | 28 | -6 | 0.00 |
| De Kalb | 68 | 26 | -7 | 0.00 |
| Lake Villa | 67 | 26 | -5 | 0.04 |
| McHenry | 68 | 27 | -6 | 0.00 |
| Morris | 71 | 25 | -6 | 0.00 |
| Ottawa | 75 | 23 | -7 | 0.00 |
| Park Forest | 69 | 31 | -6 | 0.01 |
| West: | | | | |
| Bentley | 75 | 27 | -7 | 0.00 |
| Galesburg | 71 | 24 | -8 | 0.00 |
| Quincy | 73 | 29 | -7 | 0.01 |
| Central: | | | | |
| Bloomington | 74 | 25 | -9 | 0.00 |
| Decatur | 72 | 27 | -9 | 0.00 |
| Lincoln | 74 | 26 | -8 | 0.00 |
| Peoria | 73 | 27 | -6 | 0.00 |
| East: | | | | |
| Champaign | 70 | 23 | -8 | 0.00 |
| Pontiac | 71 | 27 | -7 | 0.00 |
| West Southwest: | | | | |
| Carlinville | 73 | 28 | -9 | 0.00 |
| Morrisonville | 73 | 24 | -9 | 0.00 |
| Springfield | 73 | 24 | -7 | 0.00 |
| East Southeast: | | | | |
| Brownstown | 70 | 28 | -8 | 0.00 |
| Flora | 71 | 28 | -9 | 0.00 |
| Hutsonville | 69 | 31 | -8 | 0.00 |
| Iuka | 74 | 24 | -8 | 0.00 |
| Lawrenceville | 71 | 31 | -8 | 0.02 |
| Newton | 69 | 29 | -9 | 0.00 |
| Paris | 69 | 27 | -8 | 0.00 |
| Windsor | 71 | 28 | -6 | 0.00 |
| Southwest: | | | | |
| Carbondale | 72 | 30 | -6 | 0.00 |
| Lebanon | 75 | 30 | -8 | 0.00 |
| Olive Branch | 73 | 30 | -9 | 0.05 |
| Southeast: | | | | |
| Mt Vernon | 70 | 28 | -8 | 0.00 |

Departure is from the overall average for the week during the 1961-90 period.

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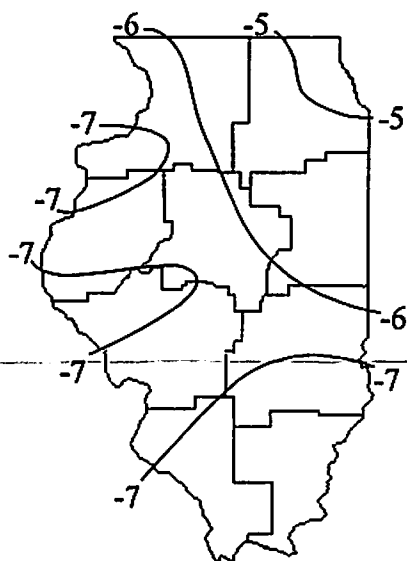
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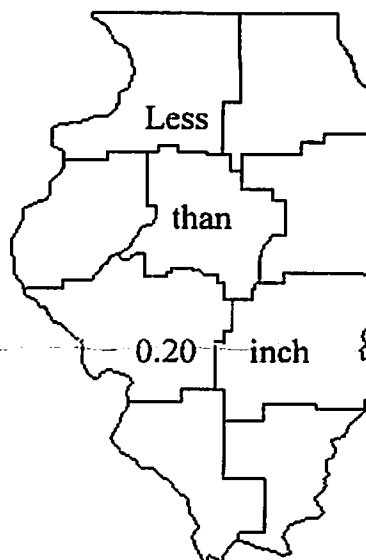
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Temperature Departure
October 18 - 24



Precipitation Total
October 18 - 24

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